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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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SUBJECT: TELECOMMUNICATION SYSTEM -- ITT

REF: A) LIBREVILLE 1955; B) LIBREVILLE 2261

1. DISCUSSIONS WITH CITIBANK INDICATE RELUCTANCE THAT FIRM TO APPROACH ITT FOR DETAILS REQUESTED BY EMBASSY (REF B). IN FACT, CITIBANK HAD ASKED GABONESE AMBASSADOR KAMBILA TO OBTAIN FOR THEM FROM ITT EQUIVALENT INFORMATION WITH A VIEW TO SUBSEQUENTLY TRANSMITTING IT TO THEIR (CITI-BANK'S) LIBREVILLE BRANCH.

2. ONLY INFORMATION ELICITED FROM CITIBANK IS IMPRESSION THAT ITT SENT REPS TO LIBREVILLE FROM FIRM'S PARIS SUBSIDIARY. KAMBILA DID NOT IMPART ANY DEFINITIVE SUPPLEMENTARY INSIGHTS.

3. IN LIGHT OF CONFUSED PICTURE AT THIS END, EMBASSY MAY WANT TO CONSIDER RETURN TO SQUARE ONE BY ASKING MAYILA ON INFORMAL BASIS IF THERE HAD BEEN ADEQUATE RESPONSE

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FROM ITT, AND -IF NOT- WHETHER OR NOT GOG IS STILL

ACTIVELY INTERESTED IN HAVING A U.S. FIRM PROVIDE FACILITIES SPECIFIED REF A. IF EMBASSY, AFTER CONSULTATION MAYILA

AND CITIBANK/LIBREVILLE, BELIEVES GOG INTEREST REMAINS STRONG, COMMERCE/MEPD WILL UNDERTAKE TO OBTAIN PROMPT RESPONSE FROM APPROPRIATE U.S. FIRMS THAT WOULD HOPEFULLY SOURCE OUT OF THIS COUNTRY. ROBINSON

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